

Application No. 10/602,543
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Remarks

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11-13, 15, 16, 18-21, 23, 25-31 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of copending US 2003/0171211 A1, now issued as US 6,841,504. The Applicant herein files a terminal disclaimer to that patent, and to US 6,703,338.

The Applicant also files a terminal disclaimer to copending U.S.S.N. 10/602,579, filed June 24, 2003.

Claim Amendments

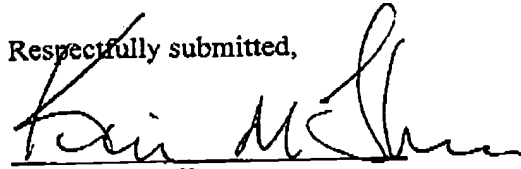
Claims 5 and 6 are amended to add a "." (period) at the end of each.

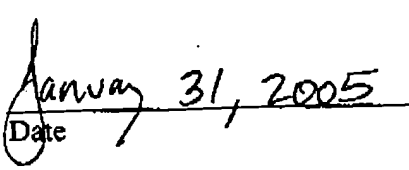
New Claims

New claims 32 and 33 are added, each of which incorporates the limitations of Claims 1 and 2, and Claims 13 and 14, respectively. These claims are allowable, as the Examiner found that these would be allowable if limited to the base claim.

It is submitted that the case is in condition for allowance. The Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

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